

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1.-20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended): A recording apparatus comprising:

description data generating means for generating playback description data indicating a playback procedure of a plurality of items of information data and modified information data which is obtained by performing a modification processing on the information data designated in the playback procedure indicated by the playback description data such that at least one of the plurality of items of information data and the modified information data are reproduced sequentially in an appropriate order, the modified information data having a non-modified section on which the modification processing is not performed and a modified section on which the modification processing is performed;

section information generating means for generating section information ~~indicating discriminating the~~ modified section ~~where the modified information data from the non-modified section processing has been performed~~ in the modified information data by a start time or an end time, a length of the non-modified section being changed according to the start time or end time; and

recording means for recording the playback description data and the section information on a recording medium where the plurality of items of information data and the modified information data are recorded.

22. (original): An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the section information is recorded by being incorporated into the playback description data.

23. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the information data includes image data, the modification processing includes a special effect processing on the image data, and the start time or end time of the section information ~~includes a start time or end time of~~ corresponds to the special effect processing within the modified information data.

24. (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the information data includes image data, the modification processing includes a combining processing for combining the image data and other data, and the start time or end time of the section information ~~includes a start time or end time of~~ corresponds to the combining processing within the modified information data.

25. (original): An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the information data is encoded, the modified information data is generated by using the encoding units as processing units, and the section where the modification processing is performed is determined independently of the processing units.

26. (original): An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the modified information data is generated by using the access units of a recording medium in which the information data is recorded, and the section where the modification processing is performed is determined independently of the processing units.

27. (original): An apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising a display control means for displaying in a display unit, based on the section information, an image representing the section of the modified information data where the modification processing has been performed.

28.-48. (canceled).

49. (currently amended): A data processing method comprising:
a description data generating step, of generating playback description data indicating a playback procedure for a plurality of items of information data and modified information data which is obtained by performing a modification processing on the information data designated in the playback procedure indicated by the playback description data such that at least one of the plurality of items of information data and the modified information data are reproduced sequentially in an appropriate order, the modified information data having a non-modified section on which the modification processing is not performed and a modified section on which the modification processing is performed;

a section information generation processing step, of generating section information ~~indicating discriminating~~ the modified section of the ~~modified information data on which the modification processing has been performed from the non-modified~~ section in the modified information data by a start time and an end time, a length of the non-modified section being changed according to the start time or end time; and

a recording step, of recording the playback description data and the section information on a recording medium where the plurality of items of information data and the modified information data are recorded.

50. (canceled).